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Washington 25, D. C.

2 July 1948

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Dear [Redacted]

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Receipt of your memorandum dated 14 June 1948, subject: Recruiting in Athens, is acknowledged.

Mr. Edman was in Washington yesterday for about three hours, but departed without seeing me. However, this morning I have been in touch with Mr. Thayer, who runs the Voice of America in New York, and he has contacted Mr. Edman for me. Mr. Thayer has just called me on the telephone and assured me that he has made it very clear to Mr. Edman that FBIB is indispensable to the Voice of America and that every possible effort should be made to cooperate with us in our recruiting. Thayer advises me that he does not approve, nor does he think the State Department will, of Edman going into the monitoring field and also that Edman had no proper conception of our function and its close association with the State Department. He has asked Edman to contact you upon his return to Athens in the very near future. However, if Edman does not contact you, I feel confident that if you approach him again that he will be cooperative.

I know that you are very anxious to get the salary scale and other recruiting problems going. All of it is in the hands of the proper authorities here and I hope to give you some definite information very shortly. In the meantime, for the purposes of discussion with prospective employees, you should assume that the salary scales that you recommend will be approved.

[Redacted] have both talked to me at considerable length and I am pleased to know that you and all of the other employees of the CIA party continue to do a fine job.

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Sincerely,

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